TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2457 - SB 2868

February 24, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (014084): Establishes that a self-propelled vehicle or a vehicle propelled or drawn by a self-propelled vehicle are not subject to seizure and forfeiture due to violations of laws regarding hunting of certain wildlife.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 70-60-202 (a), any firearm, equipment, appliance or conveyances used in violation of § 70-4-116 (unlawful hunting of deer, bear, wild elk, and wild turkey), § 70-4-117 (unlawful possession of weapons in an area inhabited by big game), or § 70-4-118 (unlawful hunting of deer being chased by dogs or permitting dogs to hunt or chase deer), including any truck, automobile, boar, airplane, or other vehicle, other than a common carrier, and in which a deer or bear is located, and that is used in transporting such animals, is declared contraband property and must be confiscated and forfeited to the state upon seizure.
- This legislation will prohibit any self-propelled vehicle (motor vehicle) or anything drawn by a motor vehicle (trailers, campers, etc.) from being subject to such seizure and forfeiture.
- Based on information from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, the Agency does not seize vehicles or anything drawn by a vehicle; therefore, this legislation codifies the current practice of the Agency.
- No significant impact on state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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